THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. On 13th June, 1991 at about 9.20 a.m. an attempt was made on the life of D.G., Doordarshan in Delhi resulting in injuries to him and his two security guards and the killing of his driver.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Eight officers of the All India Radio and Doordarshan in Delhi have been given personal protection and 13 officers/installations of the All India Radio and Doordarshan in Delhi have been provided armed guards. The Government of India have requested the State Governments to take appropriate measures for the security of officials working with Doordarshan and the All India Radio. The State Governments have been further requested to take special precautions for the protection of premises/equipment of Doordarshan and All India Radio.

U.S. Military and Economic aid to Pakistan

257. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the issuance of a U.S. Presidential Certification for Pakistan under the Pressler's law to enable Pakistan to be eligible to receive US military and economic aid;

(b) how much (i) military and (ii) economic aid is sought for by Pakistan and with what results; and

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. The certification by the US President mandated by the Pressler Amendment has not been issued from 1990. Consequently, US military and economic assistance to Pakistan has been suspended with effect from 1st October, 1990. However, economic aid already in the pipeline was not terminated.

(b) The US Government have sought (i) US $113.556 million in military aid, and (ii) US $100 million in economic aid for Pakistan during the fiscal year 1992. In the absence of the Presidential Certification under the Pressler Amendment, these amounts cannot be disbursed.

(c) The issue of aid from the USA to Pakistan is a bilateral matter between two sovereign countries. It is the Government of India's policy not to comment on issues which are in the bilateral domain between the USA & Pakistan.

Activities of ULFA in Assam

258. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether activities of sessionists and militants especially those of ULFA, in Assam have assumed alarming proportions, especially after the recent Assembly and Parliamentary Elections in the State; and

(b) if so, the number of persons, including foreigners, abducted and killed. indicating the details of the militants activities during election period and thereafter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) During the election period, the ULFA did not interfere in the process of election on 1-7-91 the ULFA kidnapped 14 persons including one Soviet mining engineer. According to a Press release of ULFA the Soviet mining engineer has been killed.